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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Dennis William Delaney

WAYNE COUNTY MAN CONVICTED OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Terrence Berg, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, announced that Dennis William Delaney, 37 of Northville, Michigan was convicted in United States District Court after a two week long jury trial for manufacture of child pornography, child pornography distribution, and, one count of child pornography possession. Delaney is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Denise Page Hood, who presided over the trial, in February.

Testimony during the trial revealed that Delaney met and developed a relationship with a 12-year-old girl via the Internet from 2002 through 2004. In 2004 they met in person and Delaney took sexually explicit photos of the minor girl. Between 2004 and 2006, the photos, along with other child pornographic images obtained on the Internet were distributed to others via his *Yahoo* accounts.

Delaney was arrested in Macomb County by the Macomb County Computer Enforcement ("MACE") Team on November 1, 2007 for related state computer solicitation charges. A subsequent search of his home disclosed the images of the victim and additional child sexually exploitive images on his computer and compact discs.

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg said: "This verdict is the outcome of excellent cooperative efforts between state and federal law enforcement through our Project Safe Child initiative. Mr. Delaney's exploitation of a 14-year-old girl and distribution of her image on the Internet permits the re-victimization of this girl by others who trade in this despicable material, for the rest of her life. We intend to seek a sentence for Mr. Delaney that will serve as a significant punishment for his conduct and a deterrent for those who may consider exploiting children in this fashion."

Delaney faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and could serve up to 30 years in federal prison for his conduct.

Berg praised the work of the Detroit Office of the Secret Service, Special Agents Eric Clark and Chad Cable, the Michigan Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Macomb Area Computer Enforcement Team under Sheriff Mark Hackel and Sgt. Tina Old. Their dedication and skill necessary to identify and apprehend this individual has been most successful. These agencies, Berg said, consistently demonstrate professionalism and dedication in their aggressive and thorough investigation of these cases.

Assistant United States Attorneys Eaton Brown and John O'Brien prosecuted case for the United States.